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Dr. Aura E. Severinghaus, Associate Dean
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Dear Doctor Severinghaus:

Since the arrival of your letter of May 16 expressing doubts about the possibility that Mr. Joshua Lederberg could combine biochemical genetic research with his studies as a third year medical student, we have received a letter, dated May 20, from Dr. Francis J. Ryan on the same subject. Doctor Ryan's strong support of Mr. Lederberg's proposal indicates that he has discussed the matter with you.

Influenced by your letter of May 16, I believe our Board would not have given favorable consideration to Mr. Lederberg's application. Before our final decision is made at the meeting next Saturday, May 24, we would like to know whether, after your talks with Doctor Ryan, there has been any change in your ideas about the desirability and possibility of Mr. Lederberg's continuing his research investigations along with his medical studies.

Your further comments on this matter will be of considerable assistance to us in reviewing all of the factors that will influence our decision.

Sincerely yours,

R. G. Meader
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4/22 I phoned Dr. Meader
explaining it length
my point of view - I
emphasized (1) Lederberg's capacity
and ability and (2) the time
at his disposal - the
decision - for them - my (5/16/47)
letter would stand as this -
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